



The S.P.O.T. Express

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THE STORY OF JASMINE

Here at MAS, we see our share of both happy and sad stories. The story of Jasmine, an 8-year-old chocolate lab who belonged to the Evans family, is particularly touching. On a cold December day in 2009, Jasmine got loose from her St. Matthew's home. Tragically, she was struck by a train, despite the train operator's attempt to slow the train to avoid the collision. Jasmine was assumed to have been killed immediately. Three days later, though, the same train engineer passed the spot where Jasmine was hit and saw that she was still laying next to the tracks. Compassionately, he stopped the train to check on her, and to his amazement found the dog was still alive. Jasmine had laid in the cold snow, in unimaginable pain, with no food or water for three days—she had an amazing will to live. The engineer ran to the nearest house and called MAS. We responded immediately, picking up Jasmine and bringing her back to the shelter. When she arrived, we found that her spine had been broken, paralyzing her hind legs. The veterinary staff was in the process of making the difficult decision to end her suffering when an MAS staff member remembered seeing a newspaper ad for a lost chocolate lab and called the number. When she reached the Evans family by phone, they rushed to MAS to identify the dog—to their heartbreak and relief, it was Jasmine. MAS transported Jasmine to a 24-hour animal hospital across town, where she was eventually put down to relieve her suffering. As heartbroken as the Evans family was, they were so grateful for the attention of the train engineer and the MAS staff person; without it, they would never have seen Jasmine again or known her fate.

MAS is here to serve our community and its companion animals in many ways; some of them bring tears of sadness, some tears of joy, and some bring both. We are happy to have been able to reunite Jasmine with her family one last time. We are also happy to place homeless animals with forever families and reunite lost animals with their homes. We hope that MAS is the first place you think of when looking for a lost animal or considering adding a new one to your family.

Donate to MAS!

Your donation will help support and enhance programs that aren't covered by our general expenditures, such as The Spot Fund for our new state-of-the-art adoption campus, the animal care fund to enhance the lives of the animals in our shelter, and S.P.O.T., our low-cost, mobile spay and neuter clinic.

Click [here](#) to donate now!



DID YOU KNOW?

MAS began construction of a new facility in early 2009. This new facility is much anticipated and will greatly enhance our ability to offer adoption, licensing, and other services. We are nearing the end of Phase 1, our new adoption center. Stay tuned for more news about our grand opening. You can help us build the next phase by contributing to The Spot Fund. Mail donations to P.O. Box 16346, Louisville, KY 40256, or contribute [online](#).

CALENDAR

Upcoming events

Feb. 27: Disaster Preparedness Fair; Old Male HS building
March 3: volunteer orientation
March 20: volunteer orientation
March 27: volunteer orientation
March 31: volunteer orientation
Click [here](#) for more information on all of our upcoming events.

IT'S PARADE SEASON!

Each spring, there are numerous parades around the Metro Louisville area. MAS is proud to participate in several of them. S.P.O.T., our mobile adoption and veterinary unit, serves as our "float," while volunteers walk adoptable dogs alongside it. Please come cheer us on!
Mar. 13: St. Patrick's Parade
Apr. 3: FABA Easter Parade
Apr. 29: Derby Festival Parade

LOVE YOUR PET? LICENSE YOUR PET!



To celebrate Valentine's Day, MAS is waiving the late fees for all new and lapsed cat, dog, and ferret licenses purchased online during the month of February. More information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). To go directly to the online licensing tool, click [here](#). You will need the number from your pet's most recent rabies tag, which should have been given to you when your pet was vaccinated.

Please note that a license is valid for one year from the date of the rabies vaccination (or three years if a three-year shot was given *and* a three year license is purchased), not from the date of license purchase.

For example, if your pet's most recent vaccination was in Dec. 2009 and you license in Feb. 2010, the license will expire in Dec. 2010, rather than Feb. 2011.

If this is the first time you are licensing an altered animal, you will need the name of the veterinarian or veterinary clinic that altered your animal as well as the date the surgery was performed. If you are renewing a license and this is the first time you have used our online licensing tool to do so, you will need your pet's most recent license number to complete the transaction.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Ashlee Goodspeed

Volunteer: I have only been volunteering since November 2009, but I have seen many improvements.

Animals I have at home: I currently have four animals at home with me, but that number is continually changing due to fosters coming in and out. Of the four, only one of them is actually mine: he is a Black and Tan Coon hound named Montana. I rescued him four years ago when he was about 8 weeks old. Because of his big personality and since he is used to being the only pet in the house, initially I worried about bringing home my first foster. But Montana did wonderful and welcomed them into the house.



Ashlee pictured with Maggie, one of her foster dogs.

Who are your current fosters: I have three fosters currently that I got for all different kinds of reasons. There is Bella, a Dalmatian mix that is full of energy and loves to play. Maggie, a beagle/shepherd mix, who has her own bursts of energy, but is more of a love bug. Then the odd ball Faith, a tabby kitten that thinks she is a lap dog; no one has been able to prove her wrong! So needless to say there is never a dull moment in my house with all the furry ones running around.

Favorite thing about volunteering: I like many things about volunteering, but my favorite is seeing all the homeless animals find loving and caring forever homes. I have done many things in my life, but not a lot can compare to working with a dog for weeks and seeing them learn and grow, and then helping them find that one home they were meant for. It's a great feeling when you walk through the kennels and they all perk up when they see you, because they know you stand for something good, which is something some of them have never had before.

I have begun to absolutely love and believe the quote from Anatole France: "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." Animals bring out such great things in people, and in turn should get the very best us.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Dear MAS,

We recently adopted Sheena, now called Prissy. We wanted to send you a note to tell you how happy we are. Prissy is not the timid cat we saw in the pet shop. She loves other people. We threw a surprise birthday party recently, and Prissy was the hit of the party; she thought it was for her! She played with balloons, but didn't pop them. She did, however, tear down all the streamers. She loves sleeping with us and playing with her toys. She's nuts sometimes, but we love it. She is a talker; talks while playing, while using the litter box, while eating, while walking through the house. She is wonderful!



Thanks, Roseann and Kevin

PET PERSONALS



Hi, I'm Lily. I'm a one-year-old shepherd lab mix with a beautiful brindle coat. I have a LOT of energy and I'm always so excited when I get to spend it going on long walks and playing with the volunteers here at MAS. The volunteers tell me I'm a really good girl, silly and friendly. I'm smart, too, so with all my energy and brains, I will need to have a job to do and a devoted owner to teach me where and how to focus my enthusiasm. I'm definitely not a couch-potato, but I'll make someone an excellent jogging buddy or agility partner. I am friendly with other dogs and with people, and I really love to be petted. If you're looking for an active, devoted addition to your family, won't you come to the shelter to meet me, A376455, and they'll show you just where to find me. I hope to meet you soon!

Meow... Carla here. I'm an adult calico cat who is happy to lounge around and keep you company. I love to spend my day relaxing near the TV. I enjoy the company of other cats as well as people, so I would do well in a home that has other feline family members. I was previously fostered by an MAS staff member, and here is what she wants you to know about me: "Carla doesn't need constant entertainment, just your love, companionship, and an occasional game with a great feather toy." I really enjoyed my time at foster mom's house, and while it is fun to be around the other cats here in the shelter cat room, I am definitely looking forward to getting back into a home environment; there's no TV in the cat room here! If you are looking to add another cat to your family and want a calm, beautiful girl like me, stop by the MAS cat room soon so we can meet. It will also help to have my ID number, A389221, handy when you call or visit.



UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY FEATURED PETS: Sunny, our featured cat from January, was adopted! Our featured dog, Jagger, is currently in foster care, still waiting for his forever family.

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR ADOPTABLE PETS HERE!

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